Diversions from FCI Godowns

2619. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that during the year 2001 lakhs of tonnes of rice meant for Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana, were sourced out from F.C.I. godowns of Gujarat and Karnataka, and

(b) if so, the actions taken by Government in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No such incident has been reported by the Food Corporationof India (FCI) in this regard.

(b) The FCI is releasing foodgrains (wheat and rice) to the State Governments or their nominees as per allocations made by the Government under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other Welfare Schemes including Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana, and the responsibility of its distribution to the end consumers rests with the respective State/UTs Governments.

Sugarcane prices

2620. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the range of prices being paid for sugarcane percent of sugar recovery;

(b) the range of State Administered Prices paid pecent of sugar recovery during the last five years;

(c) the range of extraction costs;

(d) the range of harvesting costs; and

(e) the transport costs of sugarcane in each of the sugarcane producing States during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The Central Government fixes the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of sugarcane factory-wise linked to the sugar recovery rate. For sugar season 2005-06, the range of factory-wise SMP fixed was Rs. 79.50-112.94 per quintal.

(b) Only, the Government of Tamil Nadu has fixed the State Advised Price (SAP) of sugarcane linked to sugar recovery rate. The range of SAP fixed was from Rs. 101.40 per quintal to Rs. 115.48 per quintal. Government of Tamil Nadu did not declare the State Advised Price from 2001-02 to 2004-05 sugar season.

(c) Information on the extraction costs of sugarcane is not maintained.

(d) The harvesting cost of sugarcane is included in the labour cost of the cost of production.

(e) The all India average transport cost of sugarcane per quintal for the years 2002-03 to 2006-07 is as under:

(in Rupees per quintal)

Year	Average transport cost
2002-03	8.75
2003-04	9.50
2003-05	12.60
2004-05	12.50
2006-07	12.50

State-wise details of transport cost are not available.

Orchards grown up in forest land

2621. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that some orchards have grown up in the forest land in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;